

“In the Spirit”

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- Acts 2 – Day of Pentecost
 - All filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Began speaking in other languages as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability
- Acts 10:44-47
 - The Holy Spirit fell upon all listening
 - They heard them speaking in tongues and praising God
- Acts 19:1-6
 - The Holy Spirit came on them
 - They spoke in tongues and prophesied
- One who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them – strengthens the whole church (1 Cor. 14:3-4)
- Mark 16:17 (NLT2) These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.
- Two varieties of speaking in tongues
 - God speaking to people (needs interpretation)
 - People praying to/worshiping God (does not need interpretation)
- 1 Corinthians 14:21
- Isaiah 28:11
- 1 Corinthians 14:5
- 1 Corinthians 14:27-28
- 1 Corinthians 14:2
- Praying in Tongues – 1 Corinthians 14:14-15
 - My spirit is praying
 - I don't understand what I am saying
 - I will pray in the spirit
 - I will pray in words I understand
 - I will sing in the spirit
 - I will sing in words I understand
- 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 Amplified - ¹⁴For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].¹⁵Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind *and* understanding; I will sing with

my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will sing [intelligently] with my mind *and* understanding also.

- Romans 8:26-27 (Amplified) ²⁶So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid *and* bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer *nor* how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication *and* pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings *and* groanings too deep for utterance.²⁷ And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes *and* pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to *and* in harmony with God's will.
- Dealing with the Arguments Against Tongues
- Argument #1 - Tongues shall cease - 1 Corinthians 13:8-10
 - The perfect is Jesus
 - The perfect is the Kingdom of God
- Argument #2 - Not everyone will speak in tongues - 1 Corinthians 12:29-30
- Mark 16:17
- 1 Corinthians 14:4-5
- What tongues does not do...
 - Does not trump the fruit of the Spirit
 - 1 Corinthians 13:1
 - Does not make you superior to others that do not
 - Is not a qualifier for working together with others
 - Is not a weapon against the devil
- Tongues, a tool that enables us...
 - Spirit prayer by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 14:2,14)
 - Praying the will of God (Romans 8:27)
 - Strengthened personally (1 Corinthians 14:4)
 - Praising God (Acts 10:46)
 - Sing in the spirit (1 Corinthians 14:15)
 - Spiritual development – growing into the full experience of our salvation (1 Peter 2:2)